

fine forward with hands of steel. At six feet six and 219 pounds, he could mix it up with the best of them. Dick Snyder was an incredible shooter and worked hard on defense. At six feet three and 202 pounds, Don Kojis was a “tweener”, (neither specifically a guard or a forward), who would score on fast breaks and drill midrange jumpers with accuracy. Barry Clemens was also a deadeye who most felt was the best shooter on the team when left unguarded.

Coach Wilkens averaged 19.8, but the stress of playing and coaching began to take its toll. He still was a great player as he dished out 9.2 assists per game and shot 80 percent from the charity stripe. We were not that tall, but we had an advantage in speed and rebounding.

Leaping Lee Winfield was an excellent player who had amazing hang time and was a fan favorite with his athletic exploits. A Winfield dunk was one of beauty. He could also run the floor and stop on a dime. I was even more amazed at Bob Rule. We called him the “Golden Rule,” and that nickname was well-deserved. A southpaw with huge hands, he bobbed and weaved himself into all types of artful moves. He had a lethal hook shot and if not played closely, that hook would end up right in your face. Wilt, Russell, or Thurmond could testify to that. Another amazing thing about Rule was that he never took care of himself, smoking cigarettes like they were going out of style. He would just show up about forty-five minutes before game time and just destroy all comers. At times, I thought he would collapse. since, he worked very hard on the offensive end.

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